

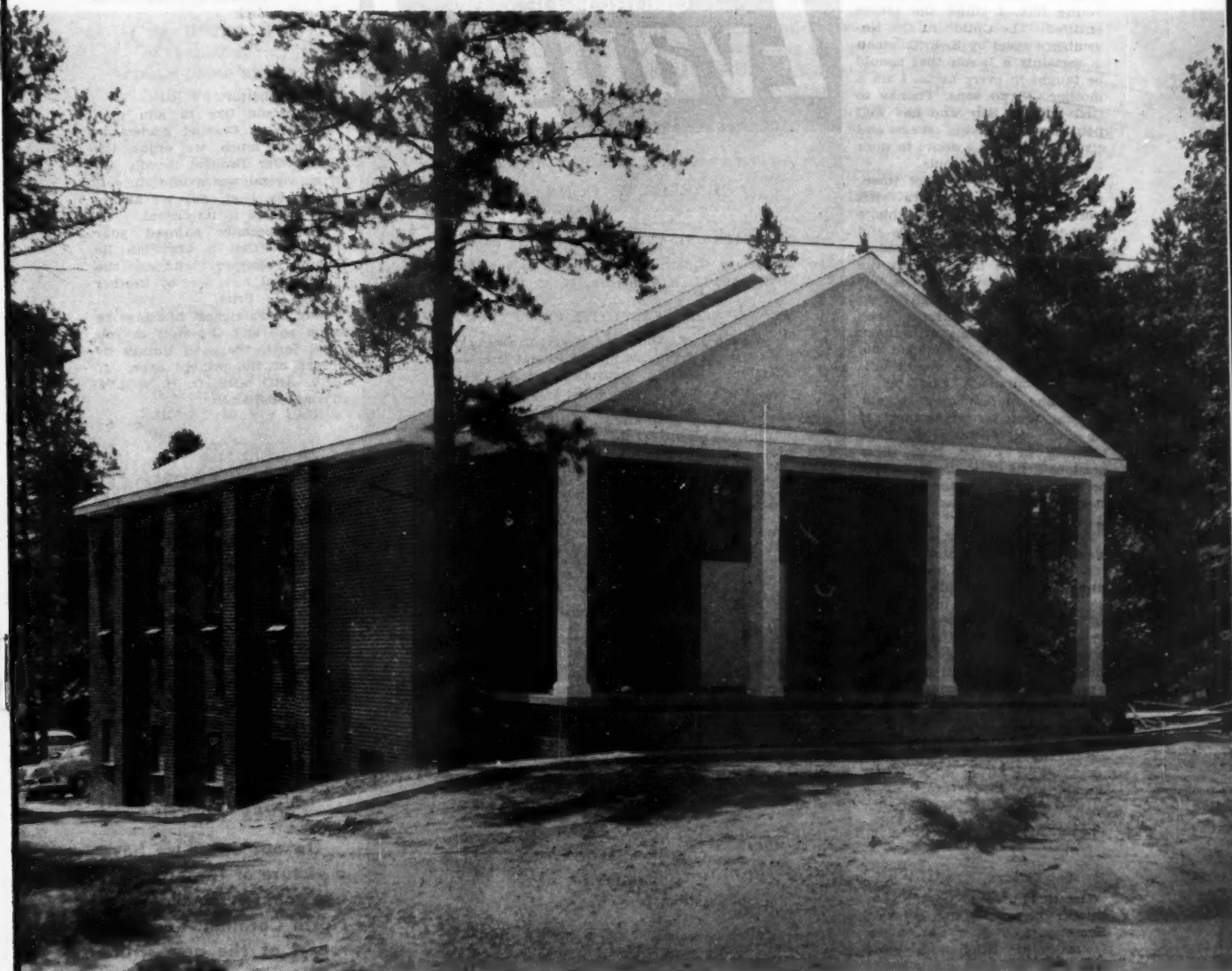
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Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.



New Church in Pomona, N. C.

70 New Sunday Schools in One Month!

the Readers' response

To the Editor:

I have been reading all the good messages in the *Evangel*, and I wish to say they are all strengthening to Christians. I was very much lifted to see some interest turn to our home and young folk. I think the article entitled "The Child" in the November 4 issue by E. E. Coleman is certainly a lesson that should be taught in every home. I am a mother of two sons. Thanks to God for His Son who has well paid me by saving them and giving them both a desire to work for Him, and win souls.

I was strict in rearing them, never allowing them to visit worldly places. My neighbors used to criticize me for this and said I would be sorry I didn't allow them to mingle with the rest at movies on Sundays, but from their youth I taught them never to go anywhere they could not take Jesus with them. We held on to God and had the family altar in the home; now they are praising God for a Christian mother and I am praising Jesus for saving them. If we can get 6 years of home training of Christ into these precious little ones, the rest won't be too hard, for the foundation is laid from the cradle to the school door.

I've been a Church of God member for 6 years and I've had the *Evangel* as my best magazine. My Bible has always been my guide. I receive my *Evangel* by mail as I live about 30 miles from my church and am unable to attend every Sunday. I don't miss a single copy of the *Evangel*. I love the good testimonies, and all the reading. I read it from cover to cover. May God's richest blessing ever be with the workers of the *Evangel*.

MRS. B. E. KING

Essex, N. C.

To the Editor:

Greetings in Jesus' name! Your editor's message "Young Folks at Home" arrived at a time when I was going through a great trial, and it helped me win the victory over the enemy. The statement that "the oldest in-

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stitution on earth is the home" has made a lasting impression on me. Some people seem to think that the "church" was established first. I have worked hard to keep the payments up on our home and it is really encouraging to know that someone on earth appreciates it.

I have really enjoyed the editorials and the feature articles on youth. I note that there are different views offered in raising children. May God continue to give you courage to print your convictions in the future as in the past.

JAMES F. CULPEPPER
Detroit, Mich.

To the Editor:

We would like to join with many other *Evangel* readers to say how much we enjoy the paper. Our *Evangel* usually arrives several weeks late since it comes by boat, yet we always look forward to its arrival.

We especially enjoyed your message, "Can a Christian Be Demon Possessed?" and also the prophetic messages by Brother George L. Britt.

May God's richest blessings be upon you and the staff as you send forth the good tidings by means of the printed page.

REV. AND MRS. O. H. WOLFF
Nassau, Bahamas

To the Editor:

I am enjoying reading the *Evangel*, and of course, selling it across the state in my services and convention work. We hope that Florida will continue to do good work in promoting the *Evangel* and will do a better job in the future than we have done in the past.

May the Lord direct you in your editorial program is my sincere prayer.

A. M. PHILLIPS
Overseer of Florida
Tampa, Fla.

COVER PICTURE

On our cover we have a picture of the beautiful new church in Pomona, North Carolina. Read the report of the new structure on page 9.

The Peace

That Kills



The Editor's Message

DURING THE LAST war an American pilot crashed off the coast of China. His crippled plane screamed through the storm toward the dashing waves below. As he related the experience later,

"The two main landing wheels caught the top of a wave as the plane sagged. (There was) the most terrifying noise I ever heard.

"It was as if some great hand had reached down through the storm, seized the plane and crunched it in a closing fist.

"Then nothing. Nothing but peace. A strange, peaceful feeling. There wasn't any pain. A great, restful quiet surrounded me.

"Then I must have swallowed some water, or the initial shock was wearing off, for I realized vaguely but inescapably that I was sitting in my pilot's seat on the sand, under water.

*"I was in about ten or fifteen feet of water, I sensed remotely. I remember thinking: I'm dead. Then: No, I'm just hurt. Hurt bad. I couldn't move, but there was no feeling of being trapped, or of fighting for air."**

When I first read those words fourteen years ago, they terrified me. They still do. I have never been able to forget this hapless pilot's experience because it has such a stern warning for us today.

Now picture the situation. A wounded man sits strapped to his seat submerged in water. He should be disturbed, frantic, fighting for his life. But, instead, he feels only peace and contentment.

Suddenly he became aware that his peaceful feeling was the worst thing that could possibly happen to him. It would mean his death. He should be agitated; he needed to be scared; he had to be stirred if he wanted to live. By the human instinct to survive, he roused himself, tore out of the plane seat, struggled to the surface and swam to the shore. Peace would have killed him, but agitation saved him.

It ended well with the pilot, but what about us? We do not need to feel peaceful and complacent when our spiritual lives are in jeopardy. There are times and situations and circumstances that should disturb us and prod us. An at-ease feeling is not always good.

It is commonly understood that when a man freezes to death he passes the point when he feels pain and cold. As he draws nearer to death he becomes drowsy and has the sensation of warmth; he begins to feel such comfort and lethargy that he is in danger of falling asleep. Once he does so, he dies. His knowledge and his instinct must compel him to keep astir and to resist the rosy feeling if he is to survive.

That sturdy old preacher Amos, who did so much to agitate and prod Israel from her lethargy, said that a woe is pronounced on "them that are at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1). Just as it was in that day, Satan would lull us into spiritual stupor today. I know the parallel is not perfect, but our danger is greater. As Paul said, "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11).

Many today are in a state of spiritual calm, but it is the peace that comes with drowsiness and not the peace that comes with faith. There are many things that should agitate and alarm you, and if they do not, you are in danger of sleeping the sleep of death.

Please consider these points.

We should be as mindful as David was when he prayed: "Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death" (Psalm 13:3).

You are falling asleep if the thought of eternal hell no longer fills your heart with pity and compassion and prayer for the lost.

You are falling asleep if you no longer feel a passion to win souls to Christ.

You are falling asleep if you no longer despise evil, but have come to wink at it or ignore it.

You are falling asleep if your heart no longer hungers to be fed by the Word of God.

You are falling asleep if you no longer feel the thrill of Christian fellowship, or have learned to have fellowship with unrighteousness.

You are falling asleep if your prayer life is no longer prominent, vital and effectual.

You are falling asleep if you are no longer tender in heart and sensitive in conscience.

*Captain Ted W. Lawson, *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*, p. 75, Random House, 1943.

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Remember Now

By E. G. Gray, Jr.

Pastor, Liberty Grove, Maryland



"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them," Ecclesiastes 12:1.

DURING THIS DAY of sin and darkness let the cry of deliverance ring out to the youth of our time. How our hearts burn with this great message of salvation, this golden opportunity to serve God, to reach out with the Word of God and bring forth the harvest. John the Baptist came forth from the wilderness crying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jonah went into Nineveh bringing the message of deliverance; Peter, Paul, and many others down through the years have brought the message of deliverance to countless thousands, but we have not finished the job.

We see many young people each day bound by the sins of this world, lured by the promise of pleasure, by the promise of being one of the crowd. Every day you can pick up a newspaper and read of some young person who has been arrested for some crime, or of a young person who has been killed because of his drunken driving. Just a few days ago in a nearby town the chief of police had to arrest eighteen young people for drinking. A few days before that, a rip-roaring party had been broken up because of the complaints of neighbors. When the police arrived they discovered a group of young people under the influence of alcohol. Young people are becoming dope addicts and losing all respect for the laws of God and man, as they break these laws to obtain the terrible commodity that has control of their bodies. How horrible it is to look upon young persons who are in the clutches of the demon of dope or drink! They are not able to control the body, the voice or even worse, the mind.

Young people, hear me today. God's Word declares in Ecclesiastes 12:14, "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Remember this Scripture as you enter each day, know that the all-seeing eye of God is upon you. It is a known fact that young people must meet many types of persons during their school days; consequently, many opportunities arise to live for the devil or to "let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

So many of our young people of today think that they may enjoy the things of the world and continue to attend church and be all right with God. Oh! how the devil likes for them to feel this way; how he sits back and laughs with glee and fiendish delight when he sees young people so blinded! The Bible says, "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness" (Romans 6:20). Good and evil do not mix; the things of God and the things of the world will not mix. The Bible says, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh" (James 3:11, 12).

The Bible says, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch

not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" 2 Corinthians 6:17. God wants a people who will serve Him completely, not with lips only but with the whole heart, in word and in deed. Consequently, we cannot partake of the pleasures of the world and conform to the desires of God. He said, "Touch not the unclean thing," and when God says something, I believe He means just exactly what He says. Many persons feel that it is all right to take a little sociable drink, to have a little friendly poker game, a nice sociable dance, or maybe just a little movie party for the children.

Don't you know that a little sociable drink may lead to another and finally lead to degradation and ruin? Many persons on the Bowery in New York started out at their own homes when quite young, indulging in the accepted practice of sociable drinking. The so-called teen-age dances of today lead our young people into sin. You might say that's a lot of rubbish; but notice the contents of a national magazine of a few months ago and see the results of some of the things that I have just mentioned.

This article stated that *one* home for unwed mothers in the United States placed 10,000 babies. Multiply this by the many such homes in the United States, and you can see the results of teen-age dancing, social drinking, movie parties, and various other types of social functions that the devil is using to deceive the youth and the older people as well.

Many times I have heard from a mother or a father, "Oh, my boy wouldn't do anything like that; he knows how to act; he is a good boy." Yes, he knows how to act, but in the presence of the worldly boys and girls that he meets during his movie parties and dances, his actions might change completely. Goaded on by the cries of the crowd or by the demon of drink or dope and by the desire to be a conquering hero to the boys, he foolishly continues until he winds up feeling foolish and ashamed of his actions, sometimes going so far that the life of a young girl is ruined.

Listen to me, Christian friend, this type of thing may be avoided if we will get a vision before us and a burden upon our hearts. God said in His Word, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." I firmly believe that we are required to take this gospel to the young people of our time. They can be reached by the Word of God. God loves their souls and wants them as His servants.

Many times in the Bible we find where young people are used of God. They are filled with energy and strength and may be used as David was used when he fought the giant Goliath. Go forth, Christians, win them to the Lord; tell them the glad tidings of the saving power of the Son of God. Look upon the youth of America and the great potential in the service of God.

How can we neglect this great work of God? How can we go on from day to day crying, "God, make me a soul-winner," and daily let young people go merrily on their way to destruction? Can't you feel the great responsibility that rests upon our shoulders? Can't you hear the cry of the multitudes as Paul

heard the Macedonian cry? The youth of America are crying out to us, "We need you; we are doomed unless you point us to the Lord." Listen to that cry, Christians; listen to the pleading hearts as they go relentlessly on their way to destruction.

O God, help us to take the cross of Jesus and march victoriously into the ranks of our young people and pluck them as burning brands from the fire, showing them the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus our Lord. Thank God for His Word in Proverbs 23:26 which says, "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." He wants us to give our hearts unto Him. He wants the young people for His own. Come, Christians, let us plunge into this battle with the devil and win it for the Lord.

The best way that I know to win this battle is to start praying and fasting and consecrating our lives to God. Try personal evangelism. We may take as examples Philip preaching to the Ethiopian eunuch, Christ and the woman at the well, and others too numerous to mention. We may reach them for Christ through visits to hospitals, jails and homes. Start a Sunday afternoon Sunday School in an area near your home (your pastor will help you with this). Try door-to-door visitation; you won't get to talk to everyone about Christ, but neither does every house buy a book from a book salesman. The Russellites are reaching many thousands of persons through their untiring efforts to promote the false doctrines of Charles Russell and Judge Rutherford by going from door to door and by printing page after page of the lies of these two men.

We must work while it is yet day to reach the young people for Christ, for the night cometh when no man can work. Shall we stand idly by and allow other ungodly cults and the devil to win our young people. I challenge you, in the name of Jesus, to join this great battle for God. Let the Church of God be victorious in its effort to win young people for God and His Church.

Young people, *"remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them."*



BARE-FACED BUGABOOS

By J. T. Roberts

Pastor, Tampa, Florida

"What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee,"
Psalm 56:3.

ANIMALS HAVE their fears, whether implanted in their instincts or learned through contact with man. One of the largest animals, the elephant, fears one of the smallest creatures, the mouse. The mouse fears the cat, the cat the dog, and so on through the animal kingdom. The birds of the sky fear man with his gun. Man plays on that fear. Driving up the highway, I noticed a strawberry patch with a swinging, flopping scarecrow; the farmer had placed it there to keep the crows from eating the strawberries. He was just a crude figure with a battered straw hat and a ragged old coat. The scarecrow was absolutely harmless, wouldn't hurt anything, but you could not tell the crows that.

One of our colored brethren lived on the side of a mountain. Since a spring a short distance from their home furnished their water, he sent one of his daughters for a bucket of water one afternoon late. After going a short distance she came back running. "What's the matter, daughter?" he asked. "I'se 'fraid of bears!" "Oh, you know there are no bears down by the spring." "I know they ain't, but I think they is, and that's why I'm 'fraid," she answered. How many times have we preachers failed in a revival, a new building program, or some other great work in the promotion of God's kingdom just because we are afraid? The hobgoblin of fear has got us.

THE BOGEY WE PUT UP OURSELVES

Nothing looks as bad if we are not afraid; the best way to see a ghost is to be afraid we will, then the thing that we fear will get us. The Lord said, "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom," Luke 12:32. Since God is for us, what else matters? We read in the Bible that

at times it seemed religion was about to die. The word of God was ignored; the worship of God became unpopular; the Temple was closed; the Bible was no longer read; the priests were killed and the prophets were run out of the country. However, when the people turn to God, He is always ready to help.

Did this bugaboo, the dread of failure, ever flop his ragged sleeves at you and declare, "You can't do it; you fizzled out once before, remember?" Where do you stand, preacher, Y.P.E. leader, Sunday School teacher? Are you afraid that some hobgoblin will rise up and devour you at your job? Well, it won't; you just imagine it. Stand, give a reason for the hope that God has put within you. Don't shake and shudder and shiver. Let the scarecrow flop his old ragged sleeves; God will be with His children.

THEY SAY

Who is "they"? "They" is one of the most rickety and scary scarecrows ever stuck up in the field of human endeavor. Go right up to it and tell it, "I am a child of God by *grace*, and I am not going to be fooled by you," and watch it become the most nervous, scared scarecrow you ever saw. Don't worry about "What will the people say" They'll say something, you can depend on that. People will talk. It sort of excuses their own meannesses if they talk about someone else. It isn't what people say, but what God says, that matters. If God says, "Well done," you need not care what people say. The people said of the man in the parable that he was wise and rich but God said, "Thou fool."

IT CAN'T BE DONE

You will not have to travel far before meeting the scarecrow "it-can't-be-done." The other day I heard a man speaking to a large audience about complexes, inhibitions, psychoses of various sorts known to the psychologist and the psychiatrist. Almost everyone in that audience had at least one of the complexes, some all of them; they could not do certain things because of complexes. It reminded me of what the wise man said, "The slothful man saith, There is a lion without," Proverbs 22:13. Of course there is no lion without, but a lazy man has no trouble convincing himself that there is. God has given us a task and we can do it. It can be done as God has ordered it.

In the Bible account of the seven churches in Revelation it is interesting to note that the church at Ephesus was worried with the Nicolaitanes, the church at Smyrna had tribulations, the church at Pergamos was right against the headquarters of the devil, Thyatire was torn with the influence of Jezebel, and Philadelphia had lying Jews to torment it, but *Sardis had no troubles and died of ease*. Every time I read of Joseph and Nicodemus in the New Testament I am reminded that they helped to kill Christ by their silence. Brother and sister, we are witnesses, telling what we know for ourselves, not hearsay, but our own experiences. We cannot live on reported tales, but we must have living testimonies.

Nation-wide Response to Branch Sunday School Month

Emphasis Results in

70 New Sunday Schools During October!

By O. W. Polen

National Sunday School and Youth Director

THE MONTH WAS selected and the announcement was made! *October, 1957*, was chosen as the month in which to give special emphasis to branch Sunday School promotion. In sufficient time before October, state overseers and state Sunday School and youth directors, as well as pastors, were notified of this endeavor and their help solicited. Their response, as evidenced by the results, was not disappointing. Challenged by the Holy Spirit and conscious of the need to start new works in unchurched areas, church leaders in the various states began the search for prospective locations where Sunday Schools could be started during the month of special branch Sunday School emphasis. Sincere searchings will not be futile because there are literally hundreds of areas where there is no Church of God. Where there is a real, sincere desire to start a branch Sunday School, a location can nearly always be found. When the challenge for workers is effectively presented, workers from the parent church will willingly and even eagerly respond.

Since this was the first time a particular month had been selected in which to promote the starting of branch Sunday Schools, no one knew just what the response would be. Certainly everyone must agree, however, that the report is most gratifying. It proves very definitely that *concentrated effort* can result in the starting of a great number of new Sunday Schools! If 70 Sunday Schools can be started in one month, think what great results could be accomplished if concentrated effort were put forth to start branch Sunday Schools *every* month of the year.

The National Sunday School and Youth Department wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the state overseers, the state Sunday School and youth directors, "Pioneers for Christ," pastors, and laity of the following states which were successful in starting new Sunday Schools during the month of October:

State	Branch New		
	S.S.	S.S.	Total
Georgia	10		10
Tennessee	9	2	11
Florida	6		6
North Carolina	6		6
Ohio	5		5
Michigan		4	4
South Carolina	3		3
West Virginia	3		3
Maryland	3		3
Pennsylvania	3		3
Alabama	2		2
Arkansas	1	1	2
Virginia	1		1
California	1		1
Illinois	1		1
Louisiana		1	1
Texas (SE)	1		1
Oklahoma	1		1
South Dakota	1		1
Central Canada	1		1
New Mexico		1	1
Western Canada		1	1
Idaho		1	1
Minnesota		1	1
TOTAL	58	12	70

While the month of October—a special month of emphasis—brought an outstanding response in the starting of new Sunday Schools, may our enthusiasm not subside, but may the results of this one month's efforts serve as a real challenge to promote the starting of new Sunday Schools *every* month of the year.

While the starting of 70 Sunday Schools in one month is certainly commendable, the surface has only been scratched. There are still hundreds of cities and communities throughout the United States and Canada where a Church of God is needed.

May the *vision* for branch Sunday Schools, may the *burden* for branch Sunday Schools, and may the *searching* for branch Sunday School locations not cease with the month of October, but may every month be a *great branch Sunday School month* in the Church of God. It can be!

What's Wrong With the CHILDREN?

J. EDGAR HOOVER IS acclaimed as one of the great public servants of our time. As Director of the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) he has made it an organization that is revered by many, hated by a few, and respected by all.

His work as "Head G-man" puts him in a position to survey the whole national scene and to diagnose America's moral health. His diagnosis is not good. He sees a situation that is constantly deteriorating. He sees the crime rate growing every year despite effective law enforcement.

POINTS TO STARTLING STATISTICS

Mr. Hoover said that the crime rate in general has gone up from less than 12 per 1,000 population in 1950 to more than 15 per 1,000 at the present time. And the greatest increase, he said, has been among juveniles. Last year went down in FBI annals as the worse yet for juvenile crime. He gave these figures:

A total of 234,474 children under eighteen were arrested in 1956. They were charged with crimes ranging from murder to petty larceny.

Of this number only a little more than ten per cent (25,444) were charged with disorderly conduct. The other ninety per cent were arrested on more serious charges.

More than 3,000 of these youths were charged with homicide, rape, or assault with a deadly weapon.

Most startling of all, more than forty per cent of all juveniles who came into contact with police last year had not yet reached their fifteenth birthday!

BLAMES PARENTS FOR DELINQUENCY

"After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI," says Mr. Hoover, "I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which, if not checked, will plunge us headlong into national decadence.

"The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom; and the second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

"Criminals are not born. They are the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness.

"Unfortunately, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; where unguarded talk is as regular as three

meals a day; where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; where childish independence is encouraged and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned for this materialistic age."

PLEADS FOR A RETURN TO GOD

The FBI Director says that the key to the problem of delinquent children—to life itself, is God. He pleads for a rebirth of the religious life, saying:

"Our nation is sadly in need of a rebirth of the simple life—a return to the days when God was a part of each household; when families arose in the morning with a prayer on their lips, and ended the day by gathering together to place themselves in His care.

"If there is hope for the future of America; if there is to be peace and happiness in our homes—then we as a nation must return to God and to the practice of daily family prayer.

"Our generation, it seems, has allowed old, faithful religious practices to slip into oblivion. As a result, family life has been weakened. The nation has suffered and many of its children have become like the man whose house is built upon sand; it is an inviting ground for moral decay and crime.

"My hope for the future of this nation is predicated upon the faith in God which is nurtured in the family. . . . The greatest thing we, as individuals, can do for ourselves and for our country, will be to keep our families together in peace and happiness. There is no better way of doing this than by establishing the daily practice of family prayer in our homes; because families that pray together, stay together."

ASKS FOR CO-OPERATION OF ALL

As Mr. Hoover sees it, the entire community has a responsibility toward the training of boys and girls. They need adequate housing, better schools, more leisure-time activities under proper supervision. They deserve to be protected against salacious literature. They should be spared from stories which glorify crime and which make mockery of democratic living. They need to be taught respect for law and order. Above all, they need religious teaching. "A child who has been taught to respect the laws of God will have little difficulty respecting the laws of man," he says.

In his opinion, it is a mistake to let a child get by with any misbehavior and vandalism. Those who real-

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Prayer

Requests



PRAY FOR:

Our work here in Booneville, Mississippi. We must have help from God.
—Joan Ricketts
Booneville, Mississippi

Me to be healed. I have been operated on for cancer.
—Lille Queener
Jacksboro, Tennessee

Me that I will be healed.
—Mrs. Clara Clark
McRae, Georgia

Me to be healed. My health is very bad.
—Mrs. Walter Queen
Mount Sterling, Ohio

Rev. Jake Knight and his wife who have cancer.
—Mrs. Alice Knight
Union, South Carolina

Me to overcome a severe trial.
—Ethel Roberts
Toledo, Ohio

My nephew to be healed of terrible headaches and blackouts. Also pray for H. W. Williams to be healed.
—Leotta L. Williams

For Mrs. C. A. Waddell.

My little 7½-year-old girl who has a skin disease.
—Nellie Wilson
Lexington, N. C.

Me, my family and for a friend who is paralyzed.
—Julia Lockett
Cleveland, Ohio

The Pomona Story

POMONA, N. C.—Organized in September, 1951, the Pomona Church of God has had an amazing growth. Brother Robert Hart was assigned to the small membership of approximately 35 active members in April, 1953. Worshiping in a small unfinished block building with an attendance of around 50 to 60 in Sunday School, the young church seemed to have reached its top development.

In February, 1955, Brother Hart and the faithful membership purchased the beautiful parsonage shown here. An adjoining lot was the site for the future church building. The very modern parsonage has five rooms and bath, with a full-sized basement and garage. Completely furnished with blond furniture, the total value is \$15,000.

This fifty-thousand-dollar edifice of modified colonial architecture has 7 Sunday School rooms, 2 rest rooms and a furnace room in the basement. Entering the vestibule of the church, the pastor's study is located on the left with a staircase to the basement on the right. Leaving the vestibule you immediately enter into the worshipful surroundings of art glass windows, beige-tiled floors and recessed lighting. Looking toward the ros-

trum you see a beautiful pulpit made by a member of the congregation. An electric Conn organ and a grand piano are furnished by the Y.P.E. to complete the equipment of this lovely church.

With a church membership of 95 and a Sunday School of around 130 to 140 scholars and a small balance of \$23,000 owed on church and parsonage, Brother and Sister Hart and the fine people of the Pomona Church of God can say it was the cooperation of persons such as Bernard King and David Dollinger who donated all their labor and the great hand of God that brought about this amazing accomplishment. The long hours of planning and arranging for materials, digging for the foundation, laying the tile, putting on the roof and raising of funds, was done with a loving spirit by Brother Robert Hart, with Sister Hart assisting. The total church property value is \$65,000, at a cost of only \$26,600. Our sincere thanks to all concerned and above all, to our great God.—Harold F. Douglas, District Overseer, Greensboro District.

Editor's note: Since this report was written the Reverend James E. Bowers has accepted the Pomona pastorate.

the readers'

answers by the editor



In the 6th chapter of Acts we find the teaching of deacons and the setting forth. Also in the third chapter of 1 Timothy, Paul lets us know what a deacon must be. How can the teaching of deacons be changed in our Church today?

JAMES AKIN
Poplar, California



THE TEACHING IS NOT changed. The Church of God does not issue credentials that declare some to be deacons, but a man is definitely a deacon when he does the work of a deacon. No credentials are necessary for this. Similarly, a man is a pastor when he does the work of a pastor; an evangelist, when he does the work of an evangelist; a presbyter when he does the work of a presbyter; a bishop, when he does the work of a bishop. The work or the position makes a man what he is, not papers that declare him to be so. I have no credentials from the Church that proclaim me to be an editor, but I am an editor because that is the work I do. We have many men doing the work of deacons, and they are deacons.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE CHILDREN?

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ly love the erring child will arrange to readjust or punish the child in some way, to save it from more serious trouble.

"The causes of crime are many and varied," he says. "Crime usually plants its seeds in the mind of a child during the early, formative years. It comes when there is a lack of something—lack of proper parental guidance, lack of wholesome companions, lack of discipline, lack of respect toward parents and constituted authorities, lack of emotional stability.

"The value of the church in filling many of these needs is obvious. While serving as Director of the FBI I have been profoundly impressed with the fact that the 'church-going people' are the most substantial group of citizens in the nation. Church attendance and crime appear to be like oil and water—they do not mix. The challenge facing us, therefore, is to gather more boys and girls into the churches and Sunday Schools.

"If America is to remain a Christian nation, devoted to the fundamental ideals of the Beatitudes, the Ten Commandments, and the Golden Rule, then more

According to our belief, those persons who are only saved and sanctified have not the Holy Spirit dwelling within. In the light of this please explain Romans 8:9.

J. E. BROWN
Jacksonville, Florida



THE PERSON OF THE Holy Spirit should not be confused with the baptism in or with the Holy Ghost, which is an anointing or endowment of power He bestows upon those who will receive it. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune God and His baptism is an experience. But the baptism of the Holy Ghost neither begins nor ends His work in the heart of man.

We must never ignore His work in our salvation, which begins with our conviction (John 16:7-11). When we are born again we are "born of the Spirit" according to the words of Christ to Nicodemus in John 3:5-7. The Spirit dwells within us even in our salvation, else we are none of His. Romans 8:9, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Sanctification in our lives is definitely wrought by the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:16), so His pre-baptism work must not be minimized by us. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the additional blessing or anointing we are to receive following the work of regeneration in our hearts.

adults must assume the responsibility of preparing young Americans for virile, dynamic Christian living."

—*The Pentecostal Evangel*



THE PEACE THAT KILLS

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You may think you have become mature, or poised, or established, or that you have found peace and calm and faith. You have—of a kind; but it is the kind that will kill you if you don't stir yourself. You have become drowsy—so drowsy that you are in danger of sleeping the sleep of death.

We need an awakening. We need to be stirred—really stirred. When there are no tears over hell-bound souls and empty altars; when there is no conscience when wrong is done; when we can have fellowship with sin; when we can live on a muttered prayer and casual Bible reading; then we have a false peace. Our contentment is the worst thing in the world for us, for it is the peace of death. May God stir us all as we have never been stirred before—for false peace is our damnation and concern is our salvation.

Announcement

One of the most pressing problems facing our Church is the adequate financing of our educational institutions. This responsibility has continued to increase and will increase more rapidly in the years ahead. Our young people must be provided Christian schools for their educational pursuits. The Church must prepare to meet this responsibility.

Your church leaders have exhausted every known means to establish a source of income which would relieve the local churches and the general tithe fund from this financial burden. Until now we have been unsuccessful. Recently, however, a plan has developed which seems to offer tremendous possibilities. It appears that this is providential and that the Lord is helping us.

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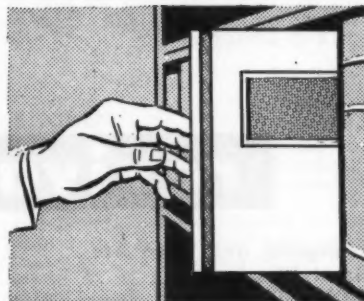
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LOOKS AT BOOKS

THE THUNDERING SCOT: A PORTRAIT OF JOHN KNOX, by Geddes MacGregor, 240 pages, clothbound, Westminster, \$3.95.

A definitive, full-scale biography of John Knox is long overdue in America. This one is a treasure, for it presents the great Scottish reformer in all his human, tempestuous, yet spiritual powers. Here is a man who dared speak against the evils of his day, whether found in lowly peasant or on the throne in the person of the illustrious but ill-fated Mary, Queen of Scots. Knox was a giant in his day, whose stormy life carried him through Scotland, England and the European mainland.

Dr. MacGregor has written with the bold, colorful strokes of an artist. His panorama of the Scottish Reformation period is dramatically and scholarly presented. A welcome biography of a worthy subject admirably written.

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BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, by G. Ernest Wright, 288 pages, clothbound, profusely illustrated, Westminster, \$15.00.

For sheer reading pleasure and aesthetic delight, this is one of the most remarkable books to come from the Christian press in the past several years. It is masterly and memorable, a treasure of scholarship and adventure.

The author brings into focus the varicolored expanse of Biblical archaeology, albeit with regrettable reservations concerning Biblical history. He skillfully leads the reader through the excitement of archaeological discovery, after first setting the stage with background material on archaeology. Under the spell of the probing spade which uncovers the ruins of Biblical life and ways, it seems that cities rise again and the heroes of God again walk upon the earth. The panorama is awe-inspiring and the scholarship with which it is presented is overwhelming.

The text is highly readable, farther enhanced by 220 photographs, drawings, outlines and sketches. This is topped off by half-tone maps apparently from those in color in the Westminster Bible Atlas, and five indices that pinpoint any part of the text.

revivals

Evangelist and Wife Are Great Blessing

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—One of the best revivals the Church of God at Tarpon Springs, Florida, has ever had closed Sunday night, October 6. Fifteen souls were saved, several sanctified, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 4 baptized with water and 2 added to the Church. Brother and Sister William H. Mahaffey preached and sang and above all let the Lord have His way during these services. A wonderful spirit prevailed during the entire revival. Perfect harmony prevailed between the evangelists and our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Stacey.

—Clifford Lester, reporter

Church Reports Wonderful Revival and Good Progress

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—We have recently had one of the best revivals the Church of God at North Spartanburg, South Carolina, has ever had. Sixteen were gloriously saved, 6 sanctified and 3 united with the Church. There were several definite healings. The church was greatly edified and strengthened. Brother Charles Crawford of Columbia, South Carolina, was the evangelist and he surely is a wonderful consecrated worker and a great preacher. Any church will do well to get him for a revival. We came here in 1952, worshipped in a portable tabernacle awhile, then purchased 2 nice lots with a small block building on one of the lots. We worshipped in it until last year in June when we entered our new church. It is a 32 x 50 feet block building, neatly finished inside, with hardwood floors, celotex overhead, elevated choir seated with folding chairs; the auditorium has an elevated floor, nice factory-built pews, with Bible stand to match.

In September of this year, we purchased a nice house beside the church for a parsonage. The house has 5 rooms and bath, and is heated with gas and floor furnace. We are very grateful to the Lord for making this purchase possible.

Pray for the continued success of this work. We have 41 members at present. —J. A. Hanvey, pastor

Church Has "Greatest Revival"

ARAB, Ala.—We have recently had the greatest revival in the history of our church. Seven were saved, 9 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost and 11 added to the Church. Mrs. Jimmie Burgett, from Birmingham, Alabama, was the evangelist. She preached some wonderful sermons every night of the three-week revival except for several nights when the Holy Ghost blessed us so much that we did not have any preaching. Five received the Holy Ghost one night. We feel the best is yet to come, for we are looking forward to another great revival.

Every department of the church is moving forward. Our pastor, Rev. James E. Williamson, has been a blessing and a guiding light to all of us.

—Thomas E. Holden, reporter

Lady Conducts Revival at New Church

POCOMOKE CITY, Md.—We recently closed a revival at the Church of God in Pocomoke City with Sister Shirley Jerolaman as the evangelist. Our church is one of the new works in Maryland and this is the greatest revival I have ever attended. Thirteen were saved, 8 sanctified and 8 filled with the Holy Ghost. Seven were baptized and 5 united with the Church.

—Rev. Vernon Truitt, reporter

Revival Among Christians

WHITWELL, Tenn.—We have been privileged to attend the greatest revival for the Christians the Church of God in Whitwell, Tennessee, has ever known. Heaven really came down in a wonderful way; throughout the meeting a great spirit of love and willingness prevailed. We feel a deep debt of gratitude, love and appreciation for our fine evangelist and his wife, Brother and Sister Albert Batts. The congregation was swayed by his wonderful preaching and the manifestations of the Spirit as the

Holy Ghost moved on the people.

Brother Batts cleared up many of our problems about Scripture. He gave us a burning desire to have more of the power of God in our lives. We are keenly aware that God has placed His approval upon our good pastor, Reverend W. T. Morefield. We are now enjoying our beautiful new church which was started and completed under Brother Morefield's supervision and plans. God has honored us greatly by giving us Brother and Sister Morefield for the good shepherd of His flock at Whitwell.

—Ailey Bea Powell, reporter

Eleven Converted in Owosso

OWOSSO, Mich.—The Lord has really been blessing our church here in Owosso. We just closed a revival with Brother and Sister L. D. King, from North, Virginia. In the 12 nights that we were privileged to have the Kings with us, the Lord mightily blessed. Eleven were saved, and we are happy to report 9 persons added to the Church. We truly praise and thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister King to us.

Our Sunday School is growing every Sunday. Pray for us here in Owosso that the Lord will continue to give us an increase.

—Paul Ferrell, reporter

Thirteen Saved in Good Revival

BIRCHWOOD, Tenn.—We thank the Lord for the good revival He gave us at the Grasshopper Church of God. Brother W. G. Beavers was the evangelist. Thirteen were saved, 5 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 baptized in water and we are expecting new members to be added to our church.

—James K. Earls, reporter

Many Touched by God's Power

PELZER, S. C.—Evangelist Vep Ellis has just closed a wonderful week-end revival at the Pelzer Church. His singing and preaching were most uplifting, inspiring and rewarding. Twelve united with the Church.

Sunday night while he prayed for the sick, the power of God struck like lightning and many were touched by His power. Two persons received the Holy Ghost while standing there in front of the pulpit.

We enjoyed and appreciated Brother Ellis' talented and anointed ministry. —Thos. W. Day, pastor



COLEMAN

Sister Linda Coleman departed this life August 19, 1957, at the age of 76. She was a devoted Christian and a great worker for God. She loved the Church of God and attended every service that she was able.

She attended the Laurel Church of God at Hampton, Tennessee. She was a loving mother. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, 5 sons and 2 daughters.

Her funeral was conducted by the pastor of the church, the Reverend Gene Pennington and the Reverend Any Grindstaff. Our loss is heaven's gain.

—Bertie Calhoun, daughter

McKINZIE

The death angel visited St. Joseph Hospital, Orange, California, on October 29 at 10:50 a.m. and took a little jewel for the treasury of heaven. Little Tommy McKinzie age 4½, died quietly in Jesus. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul McKinzie, are members of the Santa Ana Church of God. We will miss Tommy's smile and love but we know he is blooming in heaven. Tommy had acute leukemia for 14 months before his death. We ask your prayers in this our lonely hour. —Mr. and Mrs. P. McKinzie

CAMP

Fred E. Camp, age 82, passed away Saturday, October 19, 1957. He was a faithful member of the Gainesville, Florida, Church of God. He will be missed by all. He is survived by his wife, 5 sons, 1 daughter, 11 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and 1 sister.

—June Herndon

IVY

Brother A. L. Ivy departed this life October 8, 1957. He was 91 years, 1 month and 5 days old. He was a member of the Church of God in Point, Texas, for 30 years. His funeral was conducted by his district pastor, Brother F. C. Dozier of Sulphur Springs. —Bessie Ivy

FORD

Julia Ford, widow of the late Reverend Toney Ford went to be with Jesus October 26, 1957. She was 67 years of age. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Lawrenceville, Illinois. She is survived by three daughters, 5 sons, 22 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Reverend R. E. Caraway.

—Mrs. Sarah Hankins, daughter

WORM

Our son, Wayne James Worm, born November 20, 1950, went home to be with Jesus October 16, 1957. Our loss is heaven's gain. He suffered with brain tumor (cancerous) and was in the hospital 71 days in the St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. We miss our little boy so much but know he is happy there where he knows no pain.

—Mrs. V. H. Worm

MESSER

D. R. Messer of Opelika, Alabama, died at the Lee County Hospital following an illness of 10 months. He was 64. Funeral services will be held at the Church of God in Opelika with the Reverend Roland E. Melvin officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Olive cemetery and pallbearers will be Grady, Raymond, Wesley and Claud Burnette, Robert Bradford, Jr., and R. L. Messer, Jr.

Brother Messer was a native of Tallapoosa County but had resided in Opelika for 23 years. He was a member of the Church of God. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lois E. Messer, 5 sons, 4 daughters, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 17 grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Messer will be missed by his family and his many friends and by the church where his membership had been for over 3 years. Brother Messer is away and things just aren't the same since the night the angel bore his precious spirit home. We could not wish him here again to toll in pain as he one time did, but we hope to

meet him again where we shall never say farewell and will be together for evermore with Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life." —Sanford C. Elrod

RHODEN

Mr. S. H. Rhoden, a devoted and faithful member of the Macclenny, Florida, Church of God passed on to his reward February 3, 1957. His funeral was conducted at the church in which he had worshipped many years, by his pastor, the Reverend B. E. Chesser.

Brother Rhoden was born on March 5, 1882. He would have been 75 years of age his next birthday. Surviving him are his wife Minnie, two sons, Ralford and Artis, and two daughters, Murel Dopson and Nova Smith. A host of friends will also miss "Uncle Shep" as he was affectionally called.

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